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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF THE SISMIK

1. JULY 30 TURKISH PRESS REPORTED THAT THE SEISMIC
RESEARCH SHIP SISMIK WAS OPERATING IN THE AEGEAN NEAR
THE MOUTH OF THE MERIC RIVER. A FEW PAPERS REPORTED
THAT THE SISMIK WAS ACCOMPANIED BY "SOME" TURKISH WARSHIPS.

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MOST ARTICLES FEATURED PRIMIN DEMIREL'S JULY 29 STATEMENT

THAT "THE VESSEL IS CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES IN THE SAROS GULF AS OF THIS MORNING. THE HORA (SISMIK) REPRESENTS THE TURKISH NATION'S PRIDE AND PRESTIGE. IT IS OUR OWN SHIP. IT IS A FLOATING LABORATORY. WE MADE IT OURSELVES. IT IS NOT A HIRED SHIP. IT FLIES THE STAR AND CRESCENT FLAG AND IS PART OF THE TURKISH HOMELAND. IT WILL CARRY OUT ITS MISSION AND RETURN SUCCESSFULLY."

2. MILLIYET REPORTED THAT "SECRET TALKS" WERE STILL CONTINUING BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH OFFICIALS, WITH THE GOT ATTEMPTING TO CINVINCE THE GREEKS TO HAVE "OPEN" TALKS. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE GREEKS SO FAR HAVE REFUSED. CITING UNIDENTIFIED MFA OFFICIALS, MILLIYET REPORTED THAT ONLY TURKEY WILL DECIDE WHERE THE SISMIK WILL CONDUCT ITS RESEARCHES. MFA OFFICIALS WERE REPORTED TO BE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO PROVIDING GREECE DATA FROM THE SISMIK'S OPERATIONS.
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